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Admittedly, CF wasn’t his first choice for college.

“I applied to colleges all over,” said Etan, who moved to Ocala from the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia with his parents in 2012. “I wanted new experiences. I wanted to leave Ocala, like my friends.”

Etan quickly learned, however, that CF was the best choice after all.

“CF gave me an opportunity when no one else would,” he said. “I wanted to make the most of it. As president of Phi Theta Kappa, I am a role model. I represent CF and my country.”
On the cover
The FANUC robotic arm was purchased by the XCEL-IT Information Technology Careers in Rural Areas, statewide grant led and administered by CF for the college's new Simulation and Automation Associate in Science degree and certificate programs. Learn more about the robot and other technology at CF on pages 6-7.

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Governor recognizes Dental Assisting
The Dental Assisting program and Associate Dean of Health Sciences Donna Stentiford were recognized by Gov. Rick Scott. Scott presented the Volunteer Florida Champion of Service Award to Stentiford and the program at his December Florida Cabinet meeting. It was the third honor the program received for the dental clinic it operates in partnership with the Marion County Health Department at the CF Hampton Center.

New leader for Student Affairs
Dr. Saul Reyes joined the CF family Jan. 2 as vice president of Student Affairs. Reyes has more than 28 years of leadership experience in student affairs including several years in the Florida College System and State University System. “I look forward to partnering with the talented faculty and staff of CF to serve the students, employers and citizens of Marion, Citrus and Levy counties,” Reyes said. He was previously dean of Student Services at Polk State College.

Mr. & Ms. CF 2015
Congratulations to Chad Hauffer and Ashley Winn, Mr. and Ms. CF 2015. Hauffer and Winn each received a $1,000 scholarship from the CF Foundation in the 18th annual Mr. & Ms. CF Scholarship program. Mr. & Ms. CF exemplify the CF spirit, exhibit strong leadership and interpersonal skills, perform well academically and are involved in campus and community organizations.

Visit with a Nobel-winning scientist
Sir Harold Kroto, Nobel Prize recipient in chemistry, presented two lectures at the Ocala Campus in February. Kroto received the Nobel Prize in 1996 with Robert Curl Jr. and Richard Smalley for the co-discovery of buckminsterfullerene, or “buckyballs,” a form of pure carbon. The molecule consists of 60 carbon atoms arranged as a spheroid, in a pattern exactly matching the stitching on soccer balls. A professor at Florida State University, Kroto is an ardent advocate for a broad liberal arts and science education.

Vazquez Memorial Poetry Series
Poet Kwame Dawes visited the college as part of the Debra Vazquez Memorial Poetry Series. Dawes read from his 2013 collection, “Druppy Conqueror: New and Selected Poems.” The Chancellor’s Professor of English at the University of Nebraska, he is the author of 16 books of poetry. The series honors CF English and creative writing professor Debra Vazquez who died as a result of domestic violence in 2004.

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Respected throughout the state for her ability to hold leadership roles in more than a dozen organizations. He’s received countless honors not only CF, but the entire community, Dickson’s heart of service led him to serve as the college’s Distinguished Alumnus Award and a CF Foundation Gabor Award. But for Dickson, the best honor comes several times a year.

Graduation is the proudest moment for me,” he said. “I’m so proud of all the students who have come through, graduated and reached their dreams. Graduation reminds us why we do what we do.”

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“I was just about to enjoy my pizza when someone I had worked with on a grant project saw me and invited me to sit with his party,” he said. “He told me the college was looking for a director of its Criminal Justice Institute. I had a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and a master’s degree in Education and it seemed like a great way to blend the two.”

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  - Aug. 9
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  - High School Players
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  - Aug. 22
  - $200

### Volleyball

- Visit patriottreysports.com/volleyballcamps.com for full details and to register.
  - Youth Volleyball Camp – Ages 6-12
  - 9 a.m.-noon
  - June 8
  - $100
  - Ages 8-12, $120,
  - July 6-9
  - Includes T-shirt and snacks.
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  - June 30
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- **All Skills Camp**
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- **Youth Camp**
  - Kindergarten through Sixth-Grade Players
    - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
  - Aug. 15
  - $40, includes T-shirt.

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Student inspires family, college
Equine studies student Katlyn Guilford, 23, finished her A.A. degree while battling lymphoma. Guilford was diagnosed with cancer last spring, and CF faculty and staff worked with her over the next six months to ensure she met graduation requirements. Her health would not allow her to attend commencement in December. President Henningsen and staff arranged a private ceremony for Katlyn and her family. She planned to continue her bachelor’s degree at CF and had registered for classes, when she succumbed to cancer. She was the first in her family to earn a college degree. “Katlyn’s story of perseverance and overcoming the greatest of obstacles to complete her degree program is an inspirational moment that I will never forget,” said Henningsen. “I shared her story with the entire CF family in honor of Katlyn and what she achieved, and to remind our communities.

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“When you view a work of art or an object from an ancient or remote civilization, you make a connection with that piece and become part of a wider history of that object, making a link with all of the people who have viewed and interacted with that piece through the years and everyone who will interact with that object after you,” he said. “The Appleton’s collection, spanning centuries of human creativity and touching all of the inhabited continents of the world, is a wonderful place to experience the beauty and personal joy that art can bring.”

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Linda Potter and her family are strong supporters of the program and the CF Foundation. Her parents, Arthur and Martha Appleton, and her Aunt Edith Marie Appleton are responsible for sharing the Appleton Museum of Art with the community. This legacy is one Potter family embraces. Their love of children and education is evident in the many STEPS to CF scholarships they have established through the years, naming most in honor of friends and community leaders.

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CF President Jim Henningsen said the STEPS program, support of the CF Foundation and the community set CF apart from other colleges.

“So many students have a desire to attend college, but due to financial circumstances, that desire may not become a reality,” said Henningsen. “At CF, we can make that dream come true. It is my personal goal to ensure that every student at our annual STEPS award ceremony hears the message that CF is within their reach.”

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Your Legacy, Our Promise
Planned giving
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Admittedly, CF wasn’t his first choice for college.

“I applied to colleges all over,” said Etan, who moved to Ocala from the Caribbean island of Saint Lucia with his parents in 2012. “I wanted new experiences. I wanted to leave Ocala, like my friends.”

Etan quickly learned, however, that CF was the best choice after all.

“CF gave me an opportunity when no one else would,” he said. “I wanted to make the most of it. As president of Phi Theta Kappa, I am a role model. I represent CF and my country.”